

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising:

a first communication network supporting a protocol for the transmission of simplex communications on the communication system and having a first communication controller to support such communications;

a first communication device operable with the simplex communication protocol for the transmission of simplex communications on the communication system; [[and,]]

a second communication device operating on a second communication network coupled to the first communication device, said second communication device having a second communication controller supporting the simplex communication protocol for transmission of simplex communications on said first communication device, said second communication device operating client software [[and operable]] to emulate the simplex communication protocols for the transmission of simplex communications between said communication device and said first communication device, said operating client software supports the interface of the simplex communication protocol operated between these communication devices, said interface not being available without said emulation.

2. (Original) The communication system of Claim 1 wherein the emulation of simplex communications will alternately place the second communication device in a transmit mode and a receive mode.

3. (Original) The communication system of Claim 1 wherein the emulation of simplex communications supports the transmission of data packets.
4. (Original) The communication system of Claim 1 wherein the first communication device initiates a communication by transmitting an address identifier for the second communication device to the first communication controller.
5. (Original) The communication system of Claim 4 wherein the first communication controller translates the address identifier into an Internet Protocol address for the second communication device.
6. (Original) The communication system of Claim 5 wherein the first communication controller establishes a communication link to the second communication device identified by the address identifier.
7. (Original) The communication system in Claim 6 wherein the first communication device transmits a data packet to the second communication device when the first communication device is placed in a transmit mode.
8. (Original) The communication system in Claim 7 wherein the first communication device is placed in a transmit mode upon activation of a transmit button.

9. (Original) The communication system of Claim 1 wherein the first communication device is placed in a receive mode to receive data packets after transmitting a simplex communication.

10. (Original) The communication system of Claim 1, further comprising:
a presence control routine to indicate the condition of the second communication device as actively coupled to the communication system.

11. (Original) The communication system of Claim 10 wherein the presence control routine will allow the first communication device to display status information about the second communication device.

12. (Original) The communication system of Claim 11 wherein the status information displayed on a screen of the first communication device includes text, icons, or a combination thereof.

13. (Original) The communication system of Claim 1, further comprising:
a subscriber specified preference listing to identify the type of communication device to be used when communicating to a subscriber using one or more recipient communication devices.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating on a first communication network comprising the steps of:

providing a first communication device operating a simplex communication protocol on the first communication network;

preparing [[the first]] a second communication device on a second communication network operating a second communication protocol to emulate [[a first]] the simplex communication protocol using a client software application, said support for the simplex communication on the second communication device not being available without said emulation software;

accepting a destination address identifier at the [[first]] second communication device;

providing the destination address identifier to a [[first]] controller on the [[first]] second communication network to support establishing a communication link to [[a second]] the first communication device addressed by the destination address;

preparing data to be transmitted from the first communication device according to the emulated simplex communication protocol; and,

transmitting the data to the [[second]] first communication device identified by the destination address according to the simplex communication protocol emulated using the client software application.

15. (Currently Amended) The communication method of Claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

placing the ~~[[first]]~~ second communication device in a receive mode after the data transmission is complete.

16. (Original) The communication method of Claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

storing transmitted data if the second communication device is not actively connected to the first communication network.

17. (Original) The communication method of Claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

executing a presence routine to indicate the condition of the second communication device as actively coupled to the first communication network.

18. (Currently Amended) The communication method of Claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

storing transmitted data if the ~~[[second]]~~ first communication device is not actively connected to the first communication network.

19. (Currently Amended) The communication method of Claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

programming a user specified preference listing to indicate a preferred [[second]] first communication device that should be used when communicating with a subscriber having a plurality of [[second]] first communication devices actively coupled to the first network.

20. (Original) The communication method of Claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

displaying on the first communication device the connection status of the second communication device.